

BOSS BARNES FOR LONG FRANCHISES

Is Urging Interests of Utilities on New York Constitutional Convention.

By Gilson Gardner.

ALBANY, N. Y., Aug. 6.—As ex-Sen. Elihu Root is the most talked-of candidate for president of the United States on the republican ticket, I decided to run up to Albany, N. Y., to see him in his most up-to-date role of constitution-maker for the Empire state.

On the afternoon of July 28, I dropped in on the committee on public utilities, at which William Barnes, Jr., Root's first lieutenant—the only court-adjudicated corrupt bi-partisan boss in the country—is chairman. As it happened, Mr. Barnes was speaking, and this is what I heard:

"This provision looks all right to me. It would permit the legislature to grant franchises to public service corporations for a certain number of years, say 500 years, or for an indefinite period."

There were nine members of the committee sitting around the committee table. Nobody said anything. Mr. Barnes appealed to the member on his right.

"As for me," replied the member, "I don't see why there is any objection to giving power to the legislature to grant perpetual franchises. Why such a fuss?"

Again the committee members said nothing. Mr. Barnes read another section.

"That is to protect the present franchise holders," he explained.

"But it doesn't do it," one member objected. "It doesn't take into consideration good will value of the franchise. I know a decision of the appellate court"—(business of telling about the decision.)

"Well," said Mr. Barnes, "if nobody has any objection, we will let that stand."

Nobody had. Somebody asked about the medical clause.

"I am getting a barrel full of letters from the Christian Scientists about that," said one member.

Mr. Barnes: "Oh, that section is all right. I talked to a couple of them this morning and they went away convinced that it doesn't mean what they thought it meant."

Pause. Silence.

Barnes: "Anybody want to make a motion to adjourn? I don't think there is much more we can do today."

So everybody stood up and drifted from the room.

The committee meetings are quite informal. No records are made or kept. The chairman interlines with a lead pencil a typewritten copy of the proposed amendment and the committee takes it for granted. Apparently it was the only representative of the public present. The experience was to me a valued sidelight on the business of making a state constitution. Perpetual or 500-year franchises and nobody objecting. Is it any wonder the interests approve the administration of Mr. Barnes and the valued work of Mr. Root in presiding over the convention?

JOHN SHEA QUILTS SHERIFF'S OFFICE

George Kreitenstein, Lawfully Elected, Gets Commission From Governor Ralston.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Aug. 6.—Sheriff John Shea, in an agreement reached Thursday, renounced his claim to office of sheriff of Vigo county and will drop his appeal from the decision of Park County Circuit Judge Sunkel which found George Kreitenstein, republican, lawfully elected to the office, instead of Dennis Shea, who is now serving a sentence at Leavenworth. John Shea succeeded his brother by appointment.

The agreement stipulates that John Shea shall retain the salary of the office received from Jan. 10.

ISSUES COMMISSION.

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 6.—Gov. Ralston Thursday issued a commission to G. O. Kreitenstein, republican, of Terre Haute entitling him to the office of sheriff of Vigo county.

The governor's action followed the decision of Judge Sunkel of the Park county circuit court, who heard the evidence in Kreitenstein's contest against John J. Shea, Jr., in which Kreitenstein was found to have been legally elected to that office last November.

PRIEST FOR FIFTY YEARS

Father Hammer of Lafayette Celebrates Anniversary.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Aug. 6.—With more than 50 visiting priests in attendance, Rev. Father Bonaventure Hammer, O. F. M., celebrated his 50th anniversary into the priesthood Thursday. Services in commemoration of the celebration were held in St. Joyce church. The jubilee mass was sung by Rev. Provincial Rudolph Bonner, O. F. M., of Cincinnati. Bishop Herman Alderd of the Port Wayne diocese also took part in the services. A special letter to Father Hammer from Pope Benedict XV., congratulating him and bestowing the papal blessing, was read at the services.

SUPPRESS SHOOTING

No Details on Wounding of Army Officer's Wife.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Aug. 6.—Every effort is being made to suppress the details of the wounding of the wife of Lieut. Burr of Jefferson barracks garrison Wednesday evening. Lieut. Burr and his wife passed in an automobile the sentry at the west gate, who, it is said, challenged them, and when unanswered fired a warning, and after that a second shot. Mrs. Burr was hit in the left shoulder.

SAY ISSUE EVASIED.

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 6.—In diplomatic and journalistic circles in Germany dissatisfaction is expressed at the fact that in the last note to Great Britain, President Wilson discussed the real relations between Germany and the United States, whereas in Mr. Wilson's note to Germany the American president refused in a decided manner to discuss Anglo-American relations.

Popular Rider and Horse



MISS ANNIE SPARKS ON 'LAST POST'

Miss Annie Sparks mounted on her ribbon winner, "Last Post," at the Monmouth county's 22nd annual horse show at Long Branch, N. J., where many prominent society folks have been exhibiting their prize horses.

NEGROES TO ORGANIZE

Aim of Body Is to Keep Down Racial Feeling.

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 6.—A branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People of the nation is being established here, Miss Katherine M. Johnson being in charge of the work.

The organizers say they only want to keep down racial feeling and end possible persecution, asking no favors, privileges of special advantages. One of the principal issues is to secure the passage of an ordinance prohibiting the presentation of motion picture plays that tend to increase racial prejudice.

The association has the backing of social welfare workers, white and black, throughout the country. Jane Addams, of Chicago, John E. Millholland, D. W. Willard of New York, Norfolk Story, Boston, and scores of others are aiding in the movement.

WAISTS—SKIRTS—DRESSES

at 30c on the dollar. Bloomfield's Surplus Stock sale, 221 So. Michigan. Successor to Montgomery's. Adv.

WILD MAN IN KANSAS

Believed to Live on Berries and Green Corn.

HUTCHINSON, Kan., Aug. 6.—A wild man who sleeps in a nest of leaves and grass in a tree has been seen in the marsh district ten miles north of Hutchinson. He shrieks and runs whenever other persons approach him. He wears his hair long and goes without clothing except tattered trousers and fragments of a shirt. He is believed to live on berries and green corn. A searching party may be formed. He is believed to be demented.

BULL MOOSE 3 YEARS OLD

Col. Has Nothing to Say on Third Birthday.

NEW YORK, Aug. 6.—Three years ago Thursday, Aug. 5, 1912, the progressive party was born in Chicago.

"On the third anniversary of the progressive party I have nothing to say," returned Col. Theodore Roosevelt, his father, promptly, when asked about it.

KILLS FLEAS ON DOGS

If you have a pet dog who is infested with fleas take a little P. D. Q. mixture in your hand and rub it in the fur. Then watch the fleas loop the loop. They will be dead before King Solomon before they hit the floor.

CHICKEN LICE DESTROYER

Have your chickens got lice? Don't hesitate. Get a 25-cent package of P. D. Q. make a gallon of lice-destroyer from it as directed and then get busy in the hen house. It's so easy you'll laugh and so will the chickens. By the way, did you ever see a chicken laugh? Try this and watch 'em.

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CUT THIS OUT

Your druggist has P. D. Q. (Pesky Devils' Quietness) and will be glad to furnish it for 25 cents. One 25-cent package makes a quart of the mixture and is equal to a bottle of old-fashioned bug killer. Some druggists may try to sell you something else. Don't accept a substitute. If your druggist hasn't P. D. Q., send us his name and 25 cents and we will send you a package postal prepaid to your address.

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